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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, a copy of which is enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of a requested continued examination (submitted concurrently with this Information Disclosure Statement) of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

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I. SUBMITTED US PATENT REFERENCES

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II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Cite Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
A2	10-136301	Japan	08/31/1998
A3	10-224722	Japan	11/30/1998
A4	WO 9608921	PCT	03/21/1996

III. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above-identified references were cited in the European Patent Office Search Report of EP 1150503 counterpart to the present application. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith. The relevance of the document is as stated therein.

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